

City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Yoon, Maria Jensen, Jim Mathre, Eugene Mirabella and Barbara Stahl

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R. Rushton Hurley and Yuki Ikezi

CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison

VISITORS: Debi Davis (SCA)

Recommendation for Council Action –

- 1) To refer the IEC proposed budget to the FY 08-09 review.

International Exchange Commission Budget	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
SCI Conference 1 delegate (from SCA) - July	\$750	\$750
Annual Dues to SCI (for Sister Cities Association)	\$877	\$900
SCI Conference - 1 Councilmember, 1 Commissioner - July	2200	2250
Gifts and promotional items	750	750
Postage for SCA mailings	384	500
2 Commissioners attending NorCal Conference	300	300
Student scholarships	2500	2500
Host delegations from Sister Cities	1500	1560
Total	\$9,261	\$9,510

- 2) For the Council to designate an attendee to the 2008 SCI Conference in Kansas City, MO from July 16-18, 2008.

Chair Yoon called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

I. Roll Call

All present except Hurley and Ikezi. Both excused (Mathre / Mirabella).

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of January 8, 2008 were approved. (Jensen / Mirabella).

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter about Korean visit on budget presentations.
- Letter to Yoon about Hong Kong business partners.
- SCA newsletter.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

A. SCA Report

Monthly report submitted. Coimbra visit March 7-16 and an Izumo visit March 25-April 4. SCA has submitted a bid to host a SCI International conference.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sister City International Conference

The next SCI Conference will be in Kansas City, Missouri, from July 16-18, 2008. Cost estimates are \$425 registration, \$149+tax hotel per night (4 nights), and airfare from \$270 to \$400. Mathre was designated the IEC attendee with Ikezi (1st alternate) and Stahl (2nd alternate) (Mirabella / Stahl). The Council will need to designate their attendee or free the position to a second commissioner.

B. Budget for 2008-2009

Staff presented the current budget for review. After some discussion, the following budget was put together. Changes reflect the increased costs in dues, travel, hosting, and postal expenses. Motion that the Council refer this proposed budget to the FY 08-09 budget sessions (Stahl / Mirabella).

C. Survey of Other City's Programs Update

None.

D. Limerick, Ireland Sister City Request Update

Hurley had submitted a letter reporting on discussion he had with the Limerick committee. IEC requests SCA to open discussions with the Limerick committee. Motion to have Hurley's letter attached to these minutes. (Mathre / Mirabella)

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Mathre reported that the next NorCal Conference will be in Sonoma on October 18, 2008.

IX. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Date Due
All	Visitor Gift Ideas	Open
Staff	Print bookmark gifts	3/04/08
Mathre, Mirabella, Ikezi	Report on other Sister City programs	3/04/08

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7 PM in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM (Mathre / Mirabella).

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mathre, Recording Secretary

Limerick-Santa Clara exchange activities progress

February 4, 2008

Rushton Hurley

Following our January 8th meeting, I contacted John Hartnett and Kieran Lehane of Limerick's city government about steps for developing contacts between our communities. Mr. Lehane expressed full support for what I called a "slow and deliberative process" for exploring activities between Limerick and Santa Clara. Specifically, he noted, "I am very happy that we should follow such a process as it will inform us whether there is a real basis that can be sustained."

Several details for the visit by the Limerick group to Santa Clara have been finalized. Limerick's mayor, Ger (pronounced like the first syllable in Geronimo) Fahy (pronounced Fay-hee), the City Manager, Tom Mackey, Mr. Mackey's wife, and Mr. Lehane (one of four 'directors of service' who, with the city manager, form the management team) will arrive on Monday, March 3rd. Mayor Fahy and Mr. Lehane will leave the morning of Saturday the 8th, while the Mackeys will stay a bit longer.

Mr. Hartnett is handling much of the hosting and scheduling responsibilities, and is planning to take them to a black tie affair in San Francisco on Friday (program of the American-Ireland Fund) as well as a program put on by his technology leadership group on Thursday. They will fit some other activities in during the day those two days, possibly including a visit to Intel. His office is also handling the group's hotel arrangements.

The Monday they arrive, we will have an informal potluck for the group at the home of Teresa O'Neill (details to follow). As they will be tired from their trip, our goal is to have something more casual and friendly. I imagine members of the City Council and IEC, as well as several people from the city offices (Jennifer and Dan, at least), being the group that welcomes them that evening. Our main hope is that Mayor Fahy will have the chance to talk with Mayor Mahan at this time.

On Tuesday evening, there is a City Council meeting. Dan will work to make sure there is time set aside for Mayor Fahy to make an official greeting.

During the day Tuesday or Wednesday, Steve Van Dorn of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce will arrange for a tour of the convention center. Other events during these two days are still being discussed, such as a possible visit to the city's park and library. Wednesday night, Mr. Hartnett is planning to entertain the group himself.

I believe that this visit is an opportunity for us to get to know each other better, with the goal of our understanding what kinds of activities between our two communities might be optimal.

Please watch your e-mail for more details on the potluck the night of March 3rd, and I would suggest that the IEC make time to step away from the meeting on March 4th to hear Mayor Fahy's words to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Rushton Hurley